Waste Management of Hospitals

202. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to constitute a Committee to work out modalities for implementing the law on hospital waste managment as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 4th February, 2000;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) whether private sector have sought certain facilities from Government for participation/safe disposal of biomedical waste which they generate; and

(d) in what manner Government would ensure optimum utilisation of the waste disposal by units and public-private partnership in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) National Hospital Waste Management Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to coordinate and guide on various aspects including policy and programme issues on Hospital Waste Management in the country.

(c) The Directorate General of Health Services examined the proposal for utilization of spare capacity of incinerators installed in Government Hospitals but was not found to be feasible.

(d) Under Bio-Medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998, institutions generating Bio-Medical Waste are responsible for achieving compliance as per the said rules. Some of the hospitals in the private sector have taken initiative for setting up of common Bio-Medical Waste treatment facilities.